

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-18 have been amended and claims 34-36 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-18 and 34-36 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 6 and 36 are independent claims.

In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 6-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner stated “It is not understood what Applicants’ intend to include/exclude by the above recitation”. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

In this response, claims 6-18 have been amended for clarification/correction purposes only. For example, the recitation “receiving receptacle” in claims 6-18 has been deleted. Also, claims 6-18 have been revised to be consistent with the specification and claims 1-5.

Applicants believe that amended claims 6-18 are now particularly pointing out and distinctively claiming the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. . Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection of claims 6-18.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,593,979 issued to Ha, *et al.* (“Ha”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 recites:

“1. A liquid crystal display (LCD) module, comprising:
a mold frame comprising a main panel, side walls
surrounding the main panel and *a first engaging hole formed
through the main panel thereof;*
...
a top chassis engaged with the mold frame to fix the
backlight assembly and the display unit therebetween, *the top
chassis having a second engaging hole formed corresponding to
the first engaging hole.*”

An example of these claimed features are shown in Fig. 3 of the present application, in which an engaging hole 410 is formed through the main panel of the mold frame 400 and the top chassis 330 has an engaging hole 331 formed corresponding to the engaging hole 410.

In this regard, the Examiner stated Ha discloses “said mold frame having a first engaging hole on a bottom surface thereof; (Figs. 1, 12 holes in 400 for receiving fastening screw 786) and ... the top chassis having a second engaging hole at a position corresponding to first engaging hole (Ha Figs. 1, 2 #300 and holes in 300 corresponding to holes in 400 above)” (Office Action, page 6).

In Fig. 1 of Ha shows a rear case 750 and a front case 780 are engaged by screws 786 (see Fig. 12) to fix the chassis 300, the display panel 600, the backlight assembly 500 and the mold frame 400 therebetween. There is *no hole* formed in the chassis 300 or the mold frame 400.

This is clearly shown in Fig. 13, in which the screw 786 is penetrated through the through-hole 784 (also see Fig. 12) of the front case 780 and screwed to the hollow 735 (also see Fig. 12) of the rear case 750. Fig. 13 clearly shows the screw 786 bypasses the side surfaces of the chassis 300 and the mold frame 400.

It is submitted that Ha fails to disclose “a mold frame comprising ... a first engaging hole formed through the main panel thereof” and “the top chassis having a second engaging hole formed corresponding to the first engaging hole”. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over Ha. Claims 2-5 that are dependent from claim 1 would be also patentable at least for the same reason.

Similarly, independent claim 6 recites:

“6. (Currently Amended) A display device, comprising:
a mold frame comprising ... a first engaging hole formed
through the main panel;
...
a top chassis ... having a second engaging hole formed
corresponding to the first engaging hole;
...
an engaging ... penetrating through the first and second
engaging holes to assemble the mold frame and the top chassis.”

As previously mentioned, Ha fails to disclose these claimed features. Thus, claim 6 is patentable over Ha. Claims 7-18 that are dependent from claim 6 would be also patentable at least for the same reason. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-18.

Added Claims

In this response, claims 34-36 are newly added, of which claim 36 is independent. Claims 34 and 35 ultimately stem from independent claim 6. Applicants believe that claim 6 is patentable over Ha. Thus, claims 34 and 35 would be also patentable at least for the same reason.

Independent claim 36 recites “a mold frame comprising ... a first hole formed through the main panel” and “a top chassis disposed on the display panel and having a second hole formed corresponding to the first hole”. As previously mentioned, Ha fails to disclose these claimed feature. Thus, it is submitted that claim 36 is patentable over Ha.

Other Matters

In this response, claims 1-18 have been amended for clarification and correction puposes only. No amendment has been made for the purpose of avoiding prior art or narrowing the claimed invention and no change in claim scope is intended since, as explained above, all the claims are patentable over applied prior art reference. Therefore, Applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments.

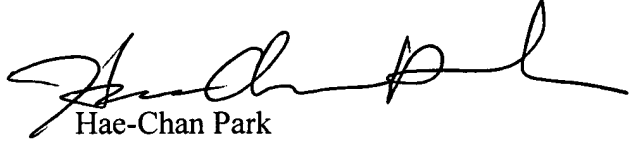
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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